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LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,

LITTLEHAMPTON.

August, 1972.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1971.


The vital statistics show a reduction in the death rate. This was not wholly unexpected as there was a marked increase the previous year for no accountable reason. The present level is back nearer to the 1969 level. The illegitimate birth rate has risen again to over 13% and is only exceeded in West Sussex by the Borough of Arundel.

Littlehampton's Health Centre, the third in the County, was opened in May. This provides excellent modern facilities for eight of the thirteen general practitioners working in the area. In addition the local authority dental, chiropody, child health, geriatric, family planning, cervical cytology, speech therapy and social services are accommodated. Hospital physiotherapy services are also provided. Thus the centre provides services provided by different spheres of the health service under one roof. As far as possible the aim of the County Health Services is to prevent illness or disability. An example of one of these free services is the provision of a clinic for retired people who are not attending their own doctor but would like a check-up on their health.

Plans for a new sewage treatment plant with long sea outfall were finalised with further sea tests requested by the Department of Health.

Mr. A. M. Tanner has conducted the day-to-day running of the health department to my entire satisfaction. I am indebted to him, other officers of the Council, the County Medical Officer and other persons who have contributed information to enable me to complete this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

AREA 2,915 Acres

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION - 18,730

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE £9,475

Population - Census 1971	18,621
Number of inhabited houses (April 1971) .	6,509
Rateable Value, Total	£969,695
Domestic	£637,333

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1970	265	118	117	17	13
1971	261	122	104	19	16

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales	
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
			Urban	Rural	
1970	14.1	15.9	14.5	17.6	16.0
1971	13.9	15.7	14.5	16.9	16.0

DEATHS:

Year	Total	Male	Female
1970	327	160	167
1971	289	127	162

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales	
	Crude	Standardised Rate			
			Urban	Rural	
1970	17.4	12.4	10.3	9.3	11.7
1971	15.4	10.9	9.9	8.6	11.6

STILLBIRTHS:

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1970	2	2	-	-	-
1971	3	2	1	-	-

Year	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	
	Littlehampton U.D.	England & Wales
1970	7	13
1971	11	12

INFANTILE DEATH RATE:

Year	Rate per 1,000 total live births					
	Littlehampton U.D.			West Sussex		England & Wales
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illeg.</u>	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>	
1970	19	21	nil	19	21	18
1971	8	9	nil	16	14	18

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Total Deaths	3	2	1	2	3	5
Rate per 1,000 total live births	11	8	4	8		
Mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths					11	19

DEATHS FROM CANCER:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1970	61	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.4
1971	61	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.395

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1970	1	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02
1971	nil	nil	0.02	0.02	0.025

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion):

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1970	nil	nil	nil	nil	0.18
1971	1	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.17

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS - 1901 to 1971:

	1901	1938	1946	1971
Population	7,363	10,178	12,320	18,730
Birth Rate	20.9	14.8	20.8	13.9
Death Rate	13.7	11.9	14.7	15.4
Infantile Mortality Rate	143	48	47	8
Average no. persons per house	4.9	2.8	3.5	2.9
No. Inhabited houses	1,504	3,581	3,479	6,509

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

	Sex	Total	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 & over
Late effects of respiratory TB	M	1	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	M	2	-	1	1	-
" " intestine	F	4	-	1	3	-
" " lung, bronchus	M	3	-	1	1	1
" " " "	F	6	-	-	2	4
" " breast	M	16	-	2	9	5
" " uterus	F	4	-	2	1	1
" " prostate	F	5	-	1	1	3
" " " "	F	1	-	-	-	1
Leukaemia	M	2	-	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	1
	F	6	-	1	2	3
Diabetes Mellitus	F	10	-	3	2	5
Other endocrine etc. diseases	F	1	-	-	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	F	1	-	-	1	-
	M	2	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	2	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	F	2	-	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	F	2	-	-	2	-
Ischaemic heart disease	M	37	-	6	16	15
	F	35	-	1	11	23
Other forms of heart disease	M	4	-	-	-	4
	F	12	-	-	1	11
Cerebrovascular disease	M	20	-	3	8	9
	F	31	-	1	7	23
Other disease of circulatory system	M	4	-	1	1	2
	F	12	1	1	3	7
Pneumonia	M	4	-	1	1	2
	F	14	-	-	-	14
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	11	-	-	5	6
	F	1	-	-	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-
Peptic ulcer	M	2	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	F	1	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis of liver	F	1	-	1	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system	M	1	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	F	1	-	-	-	1
Other complications of pregnancy etc.	F	1	1	-	-	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	M	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital anomalies	M	1	1	-	-	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	M	1	1	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	F	9	-	-	-	9
Motor vehicle accidents	M	3	1	2	-	-
All other accidents	M	1	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	1	-	1	-	-
All other external causes	M	1	1	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS:		289	9	32	85	163
Males 127						
Females 162						

SECTION: BNOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Measles	3	1	3	-	-	-	7
Scarlet Fever	-	1	4	2	6	-	8
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Whooping Cough	-	1	3	1	-	1	6
						TOTAL	29

There were no cases notified in 1971 of the following diseases:-

Acute encephalitis
 Acute meningitis
 Acute poliomyelitis
 Anthrax
 Cholera
 Diphtheria
 Dysentery
 Food Poisoning
 Leprosy
 Leptospirosis
 Malaria
 Ophthalmia Neonatorum
 Paratyphoid Fever
 Plague
 Relapsing Fever
 Smallpox
 Tetanus
 Typhoid Fever
 Typhus
 Yellow Fever

Notifications 1962-1971 of diseases notifiable at the present time.

Disease	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	14	1	7	6	15	5	5	7	1	8
Whooping Cough	1	5	32	11	-	3	6	1	-	6
Measles	20	908	37	412	250	55	30	138	11	7
Dysentery	1	8	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	--	-	-	-	-	-	6	18	-	6
Tuberculosis Non Pul.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Pul.	5	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	2	2
TOTALS	43	923	78	433	265	66	48	164	20	29

INFLUENZA

The Council offered vaccination against influenza to its Councillors and staff: sixty-three took advantage of the Council's offer.

IMMUNISATION

The following immunisations were carried out, on children under 16 years of age, during the year:-

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

Primary Injections	3
Reinforcing Injections	244

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

Primary Injections	240
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Tetanus:

Reinforcing Injections	139
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Measles:

Primary Vaccination	273
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Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Initial 3 doses of oral vaccine	249
Reinforcing procedures	373

Rubella:

Primary Vaccination	152
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In July, 1971, the Secretary of State accepted the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation that smallpox vaccination need no longer be given to children as a routine, because the risk of serious complications from vaccination now outweighed the risk of the British public being exposed to smallpox. Smallpox vaccination was therefore, immediately deleted from the current immunisation schedule and, therefore, no statistics for smallpox vaccinations and re-vaccinations are included for 1971.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Cases on Register at 1.1.71	20	7	1	2	30
Primary notifications during 1971	1	1	-	-	2
Removals from Register during 1971:	21	8	1	2	32
Due to admittance to hospital	1	1	-	-	2
Due to recovery	2	-	-	-	2
Due to patient gone abroad	1	-	-	-	1
Cases on Register at 31.12.71	17	7	1	2	27

There were two primary notifications of patients being admitted to hospital, two patients recovered and one went abroad.

SECTION: C

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) Ambulance Service:

The County Council operates the Ambulance Service (including the ambulance car service) in the County. Requests are made through the doctor or hospital attending the patient, or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

(b) Child Health Clinic:

Child Health Clinic is held at Littlehampton Health Centre weekly on Thursdays at 2 - 4 p.m. - a doctor being in attendance on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Child Health Clinic.

<u>No. of children attending</u>	<u>Total attendances</u>
387	2,459

(c) Chiropody:

This is provided for those of pensionable age.

(d) Family Planning:

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Clinic and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Clinic at Bognor Regis, Lancing, Littlehampton and Worthing.

(e) Health Clinic for the Retired:

This is a Screening Clinic held weekly on Friday mornings at the Fitzalan Road Health Centre.

(f) Health Education

The County Council is responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors both in the homes and at the Clinics.

(g) Home Help Service:

The County Council is responsible for this service.

(h) Mental Health:

The County Council is, through their Social Services Department, responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

(i) Nursing:

The Home Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors employed in the area are now attached to General Practitioners.

The telephone numbers of Midwives and Home Nurses are listed in the telephone directory under 'Nurses - West Sussex County Council'.

(j) School Clinics:

Minor Ailments
Eye
Speech Therapy
Dental

} Littlehampton Health Centre

Expectant and nursing mothers may also receive free treatment at the Dental Clinics. Dental anaesthetics were given by a Consultant Anaesthetist from the Regional Hospital Board on a sessional basis.

HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES:

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Chest Clinics:

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and at the Bognor Regis Hospital, both of which are available to the residents of Littlehampton.

General Medical and Dental Service:

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex at 175 Broyle Road, Chichester.

Homes for Old People:

There are 15 homes registered with the Social Services Department accommodating 166 people at charges ranging between £6.25 to £18.90, and there is one blind home with accommodation for 24.

Laboratory Facilities:

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:-

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton
The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.
The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mass Radiography:

The Surrey Unit from Worcester Park visited Littlehampton weekly for cases referred by general practitioners, the local authority or the general public wishing to be X-rayed. The number X-rayed during 1971 was 1,234.

Meals-on-Wheels:

Meals are provided and delivered to old people in their homes by the W.R.V.S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, approximately 420 meals a week being delivered - 160 to the Littlehampton area and 260 to the Worthing Rural West area - at a cost of 10p. per meal to the consumer.

Medical Examination of Staff:

Six examinations were carried out for Superannuation purposes, and ten for fitness for employment below ground.

Mortuary:

The Littlehampton Urban District Council provides a mortuary, which serves the Littlehampton area. The number of admissions during the year was 79.

Nursing Homes:

There are four private nursing homes in the District.

Persons in need of care and attention:

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amended 1951), Section 47

No action was necessary during the year under this Section.

Venereal Disease:

Residents may attend Clinics at:-

Worthing Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Water:

Worthing Corporation Water Department supply Littlehampton with water from the Downs at Burpham via Borehole No.2. The water is pumped from Burpham to Batworth Park Reservoirs and from there is distributed to Littlehampton.

The Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Brighton Water Department carries out all the examinations on the water. He has reported that:-

1. The water has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Continuous chlorination is carried out at Burpham.

2. Results of bacteriological sampling were:-

	No. of Samples	No. showing Coliform organism in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Cols. present in 100ml.	No. showing absence of Coliform organism in 100 ml.
Raw Water	252	164	149	88
Treated Water (taken at Burpham)	252	nil	nil	252
Treated Water (taken at Littlehampton)	249	nil	nil	249

3. The water is hard, being all obtained from the chalk. The chemical analysis shows a total average hardness of 225 mgm. per litre.
4. No evidence of any plumbo-solvent action has been found.
5. The natural fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 milligrams per litre.

The Public Health Department also took nine samples of water during the year from drinking water supplies and two from amusement park ponds and the results of analyses showed these were of acceptable standard.

Drainage and Sewerage:

During the year 273 yards of foul sewers and 327 of storm water sewers came into use.

Public Conveniences:

The Council maintains public conveniences for males and females at the following places:-

Church Street	Norfolk Road	Worthing Road Recreation
The Promenade	Newsbrook Park	Ground
Maltravers Recreation	North Street	West Beach
Ground	Horsham Road	Southfields Road
	Cemetery	

In addition there are conveniences as follows:-

male convenience off the High Street

female convenience in Beach Road.

This makes a total of 22 conveniences in all - 11 for males and 11 for females.

Refuse Disposal:

The proper running of the Council's tip off Ferry Road was greatly hampered during 1971 by the weight restriction imposed on the swing bridge. Tip covering material was very scarce, as the long haul via Arundel deterred many, and what little there was available to the west of the river was at a premium.

Geographically, the tip is situated in perhaps the worst location possible, being on a coastal plain, without natural depressions or man-made excavations, and devoid of natural screening. The prevailing wind causes a continuing litter problem, in spite of screening, and increases considerably the risk of fire breaking out within the tip.

The only point in favour of the present location is that it is well apart from residential development.

The public continues to make use of tipping facilities provided under the Civic Amenities Act, although it is difficult to limit use to Littlehampton Ratepayers.

During the year a used car pound was opened in Harwood Road, and this resulted in considerable aesthetic improvement in the tip approaches, where previously mounds of rusting vehicles had scarred the landscape.

Schools and Day Nurseries:

There are six County Primary, two County Secondary and three Independent Schools as well as nine registered Day Nurseries (including Play Groups) in the District.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963:

135 routine inspections have been carried out at premises where the Local Authority is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act. Informal Notices were served regarding 44 contraventions. No special problems have arisen and no statutory action was necessary, all defects being remedied informally.

Four non-fatal accidents were reported to the local authority and informal advice was given.

Premises where persons employed

Offices	52
Retail Shops	117
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	9
Catering Establishments	38
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	1
Railway premises	1
Hairdressers	10
Factories with power	70
" without power	4
Outworkers	16

Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968

Three notifications and applications for prior approval were received under Section 3 of the 1956 Act and all were granted without modification.

1. Emission of dark smoke was dealt with informally and the contravention rectified without recourse to formal action.
2. Chimney heights were approved, without the need for alteration, under Section 6 of the 1968 Act.

Smoke Control Areas:

Littlehampton is fortunate in having no significant air pollution problem. The virtual absence of heavy industrial processes leaves the domestic grate as the main source of dark smoke. Prevailing on-shore winds and the absence of valleys and large areas of dense residential development ensure good dispersal at all times apart from short periods of temperature inversion during the winter months.

The problem is not such that consideration need be given at an early date to the conversion of all older firegrates so as to be capable of burning smokeless fuel. The trend towards central heating using clean fuels is obviously alleviating the problem to a marked degree.

Camping and Caravan Sites:

Eight sites, comprising 144 caravans, are licensed in accordance with the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. All the caravans are for permanent residential use and, with the exception of ten all are provided with sanitary accommodation within the caravan.

At the present time there are no facilities for touring caravans but during the year the Urban District Council leased to the Caravan Club Ltd., a site on Worthing Road, Littlehampton, in order to establish a touring caravan site exclusively for Club members.

The Caravan Club is one of the exempted organisations under the 1960 Act and I have no doubt that the site will be maintained at the Club's usual high standard.

One camping site is licensed under Section 259 of the Public Health Act 1936 for 310 tents.

Occasional lapses in the tight managerial control so necessary at this large and seasonally very popular site have given the Department cause for concern during the year but the proprietor has readily complied with informal requests for improvements and recourse to more formal approaches has not been necessary.

Noise Abatement Act 1960:

During the year 1971 complaints were received alleging noise nuisance and, of the ten found to be justified, nine were remedied informally.

It was necessary to serve one Prohibition Notice under Section 1 of the Public Health (Recurring Nuisances) Act 1969 in order to curb noise at night emanating from certain ships discharging in the harbour.

The most common activities complained of are round-the-clock working on industrial estates, panel beating, and what may be described as the noisy neighbour syndrome.

I am certain that many potential noise problems could largely be prevented by greater regard to their cause and effect at the design and planning stage. Improvements in sound insulation of dwellings and the careful siting and masking of noise sources would considerably reduce one of the main environmental health problems today.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Number of premises disinfected	21
Number of domestic premises where disinfestation carried out	15
Number of other premises where disinfestation carried out	6
Number of treatments to destroy wasps' nests	84

1971 was one of the worst 'wasp years' on account of the prolonged spell of warm weather in the late summer and autumn.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

436 inspections were carried out during the year including 26 in respect of agricultural premises.

225 properties (including 21 agricultural premises) were found to be infested with rats and 91 (2) with mice.

In all cases treatment continued until total eradication had been achieved.

A total of 1,033 visits were made during the year and 818 lbs. of poison bait were used.

Regular treatment of the Council's refuse tip was continued throughout the year. The rodent population per acre of tip is known to be less than that which exists in natural countryside in spite of there being ideal harbourage. Allegations made during the year that a 'plague of rats' existed in the area were totally without foundation.

Three informal notices were served and complied with during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year inspections have been as follows:-

Public Health Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	70
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	48
Animals, keeping of	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage inspections and tests	...	...	...	...	95
Dirty or verminous premises	...	...	...	...	1
Ditches, streams and river	...	...	...	...	2
Infectious disease	...	...	...	...	5
Moveable dwellings (other than caravans)	...	...	...	...	8
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	46
Port Health - ship inspections	...	...	...	...	53
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	...	13
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	111
Interviews	...	...	...	...	113

Housing Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	58
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	57
Houses in multiple occupation	...	...	...	...	62
Improvement	...	...	...	...	159

Food and Drugs Act 1955:

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakers shops	...	...	...	...	...	10
Butchers shops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	7
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	7
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	44
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	10
Restaurants and cafes	...	...	...	...	...	72
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hotels (other than licensed)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boarding and guest houses	...	...	...	...	...	23
Old Peoples Homes	...	...	...	...	...	7
Food stalls	...	...	...	...	...	16
Delivery vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	...	21

Factories Act 1961:

Factories with power	17
Factories without power	...	...	...	...	...	3
Outworkers premises	...	...	...	...	...	1

Visits under other Acts:

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	129
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	...	...	...	...	1,033
Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968	...	...	...	...	15
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...	...	16
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...	...	24
Pet Animals Act 1951	...	...	...	...	2
National Assistance Act 1948	...	...	...	...	4
Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions)	...	...	...	...	4
Act 1956	...	...	...	...	4

Sampling:

Ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	18
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other	...	...	...	...	...	14

Notices served:

					Served	Completed
Public Health Acts - informal	...	...	...	...	54	47
" " " - formal	...	...	...	...	7	3
Housing Acts - informal	...	...	...	...	20	13
" " - statutory	...	...	...	...	13	4
Food and Drugs Act 1955	...	...	...	...	89	54
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions	...	...	...	...	0	2
Act 1956)	...	...	...	...	1	1
Factories Act 1961	...	...	...	...	5	2
Clean Air Act 1956	...	...	...	...	35	13
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	1	0
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...	...	3	2
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...	...	3	3
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - informal	...	...	...	...	3	3
					231	144

Complaints:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Smells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Rodents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Wasps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Public Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Insects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Clean Air	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Food Hygiene	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

The following improvements have resulted from action taken by the Public Health Department:-

Houses:

Housing repairs completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
W.C.s repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48

Food Premises:

Premises cleansed or redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Washing facilities provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tables, counters etc. covered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Equipment, utensils etc. cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Screens for food provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Refuse disposal improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
First Aid materials provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

Factories:

Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sanitary accommodation cleansed/repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Offices and Shops:

Washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Abstract of Act provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heating provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	76	31	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	2	-	-
TOTAL	87	43	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars 7	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	2	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	8	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	5	4	1	-	-
TOTAL	16	17	1	1	-

Outworkers:

Sixteen outworkers are employed in the area.

Improvement Grants

During the year the number of applications levelled out following the initial response in 1970 and late 1969 to the more generous grants.

For the first time applications for Improvement Grants exceeded those for Standard Grants and this is encouraging for it implies that grants are being used to bring older property up to a good, modern standard throughout, rather than the mere provision of missing amenities. It was, however, disappointing to note the complete absence of Special Grants introduced to encourage owners of houses in multiple occupation to improve the standard of amenity and the ratio of modern facilities to occupiers in such establishments.

The average value of each grant approved was £202.

During the year a draft proposal was prepared for the possible declaration of a General Improvement Area affecting some 300 houses. The proposals deal solely with environmental improvements including some pedestrianisation, additional off-street car parking, the introduction of a one-way traffic system, and general improvements of the 'street scene'. Consultations with fellow officers and other Departments concerned is continuing.

Rent Decontrol

During the year 12 Qualification Certificates and five Certificates of Provisional Approval were approved.

IMPROVEMENT, STANDARD AND SPECIAL GRANTS - 1971

Applications received in 1971				4
I M P R O V E M E N T	FOR CONVERSION	APPLICATIONS	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	1
			(b) Other	3
			(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-
			2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)	-
			(a) less than 12 point standard	-
		APPROVED	(b) " " 15 year life	-
			3. Estimated total cost	
			(a) Conversion (inc.fees)	£2997
			(b) Grant-aided repairs	-
			(c) Other works	-
		4. Approved expense	£2997	
		5. Amount of grant approved	£1498	
		GRANTS PAID	(a) No. of dwellings	8
			(b) Amount of grant paid	£2342
G R A N T S	FOR IMPROVE- MENTS	Applications received in 1971		16
		APPLICATIONS	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	11
			(b) Other	5
			(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-
			2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)	-
			(a) less than 12 point standard	-
		APPROVED	(b) " " 15 year life	1
			3. Estimated total cost	-
			(a) Improvements (inc.fees)	£7431
			(b) Grant-aided repairs	£1470
			(c) Other works	£2190
			4. Approved expense of works	£8496
			5. Amount of Grant approved	£4241
		GRANTS PAID	(a) Dwellings	25
		(b) Amount of grant paid	£5245	

S T A N D A R D G R A N T S	APPLI- CATIONS APPROVED	Applications received in 1971			14	
		1. Owner occupied dwellings to be improved to . . .	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit)	6		
			(b) Full Standard (Higher limit)	3		
			(c) Less than Full Standard	-		
		2. Other dwellings to be improved to	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit)	8		
			(b) Full Standard (Higher limit)	2		
			(c) Less than Full Standard	3		
	GRANTS	3. Dwellings owned by Housing Associations			-	
		4. Dwellings with less than 15 year life (included in 1. or 2.)			1	
		5 Total amount of grant approved			£2760	
	PAID	1. ALL STANDARD GRANTS	Number of dwellings		16	
			Amount Paid		£2949	
			Number of amenities provided	Fixed bath or shower	11	
				Wash basin	9	
				Sinks	-	
				H & C at these points	7	
				water at one or two points	7	
				Water closets	9	
			2. HIGHER LIMIT GRANTS	Number of dwellings		6
				Addition- al grant- aided work	Number of bathrooms added	2
	Number of piped water supplies	-				
	Number of drainage systems	-				
	3. Less than full standard (included in 1. above)				1	

No applications for special grants were received in 1971.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES AS AT
31st DECEMBER, 1971

	<u>Pre-war</u>	<u>Post-war</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bed-sitting room flats . .	-	56	56
One bedroom flats	-	51	51
Two bedroom flats	-	220	220
Three bedroom flats . . .	-	149	149
Bed-sitting room bungalows	-	3	3
One bedroom bungalows . . .	6	7	13
Two bedroom bungalows . . .	15	25	40
Two bedroom houses	2	90	92
Three bedroom houses . . .	207	368	575
Four bedroom houses	5	14	19
Five bedroom houses	3	-	3
Other properties	67	-	67
	<u>305</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>1,288</u>

In addition to this summary, 76 properties are managed on behalf of the Greater London Council.

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on housing waiting list	375
Total number of applications received during 1971	132
Total number of families rehoused from the list during 1971	97

During 1971, fourteen three-bedroomed houses and eight one bedroom flats were completed. Under construction, and which should be largely completed during 1972, are 48 three bedroomed houses and 48 one bedroomed flats.

The policy of encouraging tenants to transfer to accommodation better suited to their needs has been continued with success.

Private Houses

The total number of private dwellings completed since 1948 = 2,285

Inspection of Premises

236 Visits were made during the year to food premises in the District.

The routine inspections of food premises show a considerable variation in the attention paid to food hygiene. Many traders work to standards higher than the minimum legally enforceable by the Food Hygiene Regulations, but in some cases much persuasion is necessary to obtain satisfactory standards.

Regular inspections, coupled with advice and persuasion, followed by informal notices are the methods relied on to secure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations and 89 informal notices were sent during the year.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Unsound Food

Forty-two complaints were received concerning unsound food. The total represented a considerable increase (90%) on the 1970 total and may reflect the increasing consumer-awareness. There were eight complaints relating to foreign matter in home-produced food and 6 in respect of imported food.

Thirteen complaints concerned mouldy food.

One prosecution was taken under Section 2 of the Act and a £20 fine was imposed.

Milk and Dairies

There are three registered dairies in the District. One of these is a pasteurising and bottling plant and as such is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority, which is the West Sussex County Council. Frequent samples of milk and the empty bottles prior to filling are taken by the County Public Health Inspectors.

The number of distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations is 20.

Four samples of milk were taken from retailers and all were satisfactory.

Ice Cream Premises

There are 67 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream and eight for the sale, storage and manufacture of ice cream.

During the year 18 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton: 10 samples were classified as Grade I, three as Grade II, four as Grade III and one as Grade IV. Follow-up samples from the four unsatisfactory samplings were all Grade I.

Inspection of Food

The following articles were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Offal		70 lbs.
Canned meats		29 lbs.
Other canned foods	5 cwt.	105 lbs.
Fish - fresh	2 "	14 "
Fruit and vegetables - fresh	3 "	97 "
Frozen food	5 "	11 "
Other food	3 "	84 "

SECTION G

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS

Month	Sunshine		Rainfall	
	1971 hours	Average hours for 57 years	1971 mm.	Average for 57 years mm.
January	60.1	64.9	85.2	76.5
February	87.7	83.0	18.5	52.0
March	139.6	138.0	62.9	46.0
April	166.3	175.4	49.1	48.0
May	248.2	227.5	62.7	47.2
June	184.9	238.5	125.3	42.0
July	299.0	222.2	24.4	52.0
August	155.9	207.7	72.7	59.0
September	218.6	166.0	4.6	59.0
October	163.7	126.2	59.7	74.0
November	108.3	74.6	50.6	87.0
December	35.9	57.5	23.0	76.0
TOTAL	1868.2	1781.5	638.7	718.7
AVERAGE	155.7	148.4	53.2	59.8

The Meteorological Office publishes annually an official ranking list of sunshine recorded at 400 stations in the United Kingdom. In the 1971 list Littlehampton was placed 18th overall. If one considers solely the mainland meteorological stations, Littlehampton was 9th.

SUNSHINERAINFALL

	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>No. of days on which sun was recorded</u>	<u>No. of inches</u>	<u>No. of days on which rain was recorded</u>
1925	1915.2	5.25	326	33.30	159
1926	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190
1952	1864.8	5.09	314	29.02	166
1953	1813.1	4.96	300	22.55	135
1954	1583.0	4.33	292	32.05	177
1955	1903.2	5.22	305	24.39	146
1956	1726.3	4.72	304	24.92	147
1957	1866.9	5.11	306	26.49	150
1958	1626.3	4.46	299	33.31	162
1959	2146.1	5.88	312	25.08	134
1960	1658.3	4.54	292	45.00	185
1961	1911.1	5.2	310	31.86	137
1962	1805.2	4.9	307	25.61	143
1963	1708.3	4.6	277	29.07	158
1964	1743.1	4.8	247	25.59	135
1965	1725.9	4.7	311	30.68	156
1966	1687.1	4.6	296	32.87	171
1967	1882.5	5.2	310	30.14	158
1968	1656.0	4.5	282	28.11	149
1969	1780.9	4.8	284	26.50	154
1970	1805.1	4.9	305	28.31	176
1971	1868.2	5.1	299	25.15	130

TEMPERATURE STATISTICS

Month	Highest Max. Temperature	Lowest Min. Temperature
January	51	24
February	53	27
March	55	23
April	68	33
May	70	36
June	78	42
July	81	50
August	79	50
September	74	43
October	69	36
November	61	28
December	54	32

